135 W. 41st St.,
April 16, 1887.

My dear Mary,

Thanks for your explanation. I had not suspected that there were two Societies so nearly alike in name. I shall not fail to make the proper discrimination.

I wrote a day or two ago to W. L. G., Jr. telling him, if he knew Howland's address, to send the MS. to him, but saying I did not like to risk the loss of it by simply directing it to Mrs. Foster. I have now written requesting him to forward it to you, and I hope you will see it first. I want your judgment on the changes from first copy. If you can get Howland to come to your house and read it with you, that will be very nice. Then if he thinks it well for a few Abolitionists to unite in a letter to

the Society of Antiquity, claiming a hearing in reply to Thayer and endorsing me as the proper person to represent the Eastern side, he can doubtless arrange the matter and save you from all but the trouble of signing your name. I wish Mr. Sewall could be one of the signers of such a letter, and Theodore Weld too, if not too much trouble.

I have no reply from my letter to Howland, and therefore suppose it failed to reach him for lack of specific direction. I will not write again, however, until he has had time to act upon your later suggestion. I feel sure of his hearty coöperation and hope we can arrange matters shortly.

I am glad you are a little better.

Yrs. ever,

Oliver Johnson.

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